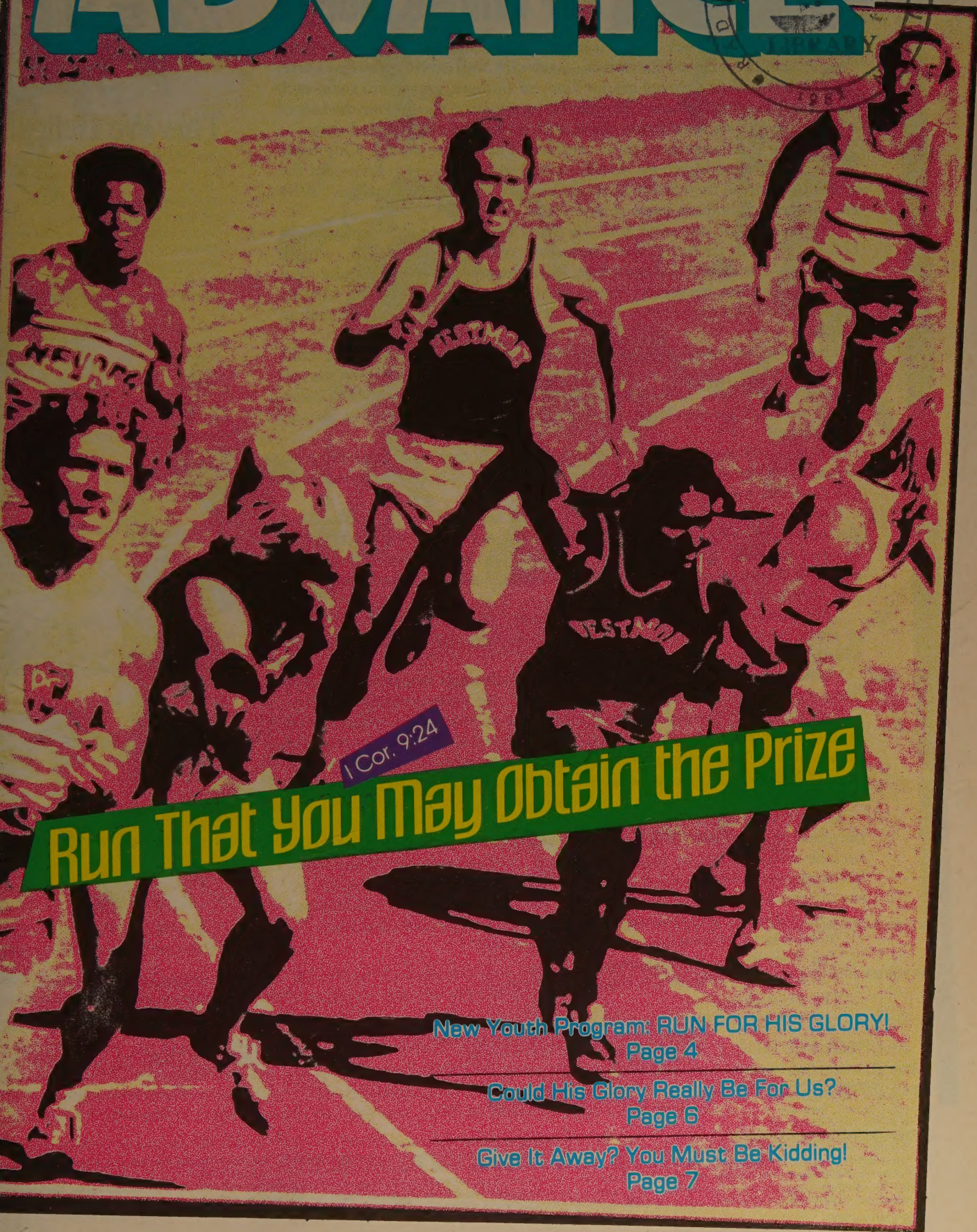
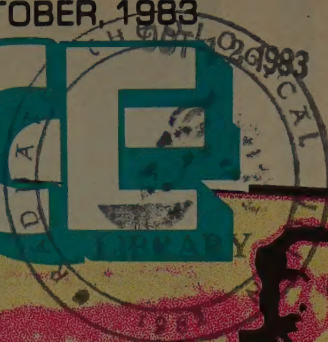


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Janice Pedersen photo



Yosemite Falls, Yosemite Valley, California.

By Janice Pedersen

## For Whose Glory?

Sheer, mighty rock cliffs loomed above me in the breathtaking Yosemite Valley of California—each cliff wall carved as with a knife; each revealing colored granite lines of oranges, grays, and reds; each deep crevice giving character. My playful imagination showed me the face of a dog here, a hawk's wingspan there, still, an Indian's arrowhead there.

Studying this magnificence of creation, I stood frustrated. One basic question kept coming to my mind—it had to be answered. I thought the granite walls in all their boldness might know. "Truthfully," I asked, "Why are we created? Is there some reason for all this glory?"

The recesses of my mind told me I had been taught the answer years before. Yet, in battling the confusion of life—job, traffic, stores, decisions—the clarity had been lost. I had desperately tried to make time for what seemed necessary: exercise, reading, work, cleaning, friends, repairs. But I had come away from it all exhausted, confused, and feeling empty.

The great Yosemite Falls were overflowing like never before as cold mountain snow in higher elevations melted in the heat. Rainbows played teasingly in the mist. The grandeur loomed above me and seemed to boast that it was mightier than I, that I could never conquer the force of its waters. I agreed.

But, I seized the opportunity to challenge, "Is there not something or someone greater than you? For whose glory do you stand?" The water only fell in greater torrents.

Half Dome at a height of 8800 feet, once sawed in half by a huge ice glacier, boasts itself as king of the valley. Yet I, and many others, defiantly climbed its walls. Standing on that massive rock, feeling like a flea on the sidewalk, I kept trying to convince myself that I, indeed, had conquered it. The rock only laughed.

"Yes, you are mightier than I," I consented, "but who or what allows you to stand here in all your glory, as centuries drift past?" The wind only whistled in my ears.

I had inquired of the granite cliffs. I had challenged the waterfall. I had quizzed the kingly half dome. There was only one more direction to turn.

Twinkling stars danced in the night sky. Venus, Mars and Jupiter twirled in stately fashion. Orion still hunted with his sword and Cassiopeia reclined on her throne. "Please, can you tell me," I pleaded with the stars, "for what or whose glory were you created? Why do you exist? Is there no reason to this life?"

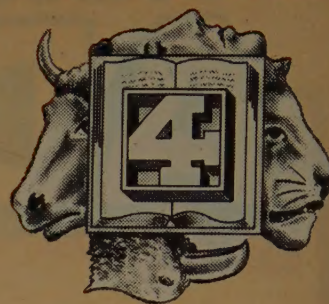
The city's persuasive billboards, the intriguing magazines, the pressure of the clock, the frustrations of work, and the intrusion of the television began to fade away. Without worldly cares to confuse me, the answer was becoming clear. I knew I had come to the right place. I was looking up, up toward the heavens, meeting the gaze of ONE who still cared, whom I had once known well, who still would guide my days if I would only ask.

"Why was all of creation made?" He asked me.

"For Your glory," I whispered.

"For whose glory were you created?" He asked.

"For Your glory."



## This We Believe

...that the Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God (II Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:19-21).

...that God is triune—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (I John 5:7; John 1:1,2,14).

...that man fell through disobedience (Romans 5:12,19).

...that Christ died to redeem us (Titus 2:14; Gal. 3:13).

...that salvation is through grace (Eph. 2:8-10; Rom. 3:23,24).

...that repentance and acceptance are vital (I John 1:9; John 6:37b).

...that new birth must be experienced to become a child of God (John 3:3; II Cor. 5:17).

...in a daily Christian life (I Thess. 5:23; Heb. 6:1).

...in water baptism through immersion (Rom. 6:4; Acts 2:41).

...in the institution of the Lord's supper (I Cor. 11:23b-28).

...in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5,8; 2:4).

...in the Spirit filled life (Rom. 12:1,2; Gal. 5:16,25).

...in the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 12:6-8; Gal. 5:22,23; John 15:8).

...that we must be moderate in all things (Phil. 4:5).

...in Divine healing (James 5:14-16; Matt. 8:17).

...that the Second Coming of Christ is both imminent and personal (I Thess. 4:16,17).

...in Church relationship and in civil government (Heb. 10:24,25; Rom. 13:1,3).

...in the final judgment (Matt. 13:41-43).

...in heaven and hell (I Cor. 2:9; John 14:2; Rev. 20:10,15).

...in tithes and offerings to support the Lord's work (Malachi 3:10; II Cor. 9:7).

...that the Church is responsible to evangelize all nations (Mark 16:15; John 4:35-37).

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New Youth Program  
RUN FOR HIS GLORY!

## Set Your Course

By Terry Samples

**T**he words  
of a contemporary song  
written by Michael and Stormy Omartian read:

We listen to the trumpet of Jesus  
While the world hears a different sound.  
We march to the drumbeat of God Almighty  
While the others just wander around.

A trumpet is being sounded by Jesus Himself to the youth of the land: a trumpet of battle, a call to spiritual warfare, an urging to set our course anew for glory!

But not only do our youth hear the sounds of His trumpet. They also hear the calls of the world—calls that seem so pleasant to the ear, calls that promise answers to life and imitate life itself.

The ears of our youth need to be TUNED to His trumpet. They must be taught, disciplined and matured for the purpose God has set before us—to see His Kingship established. We, the Church, have this responsibility.

As we march to the trumpet of Jesus and the drumbeat of God Almighty, we have direction and we have purpose. While the world wanders aimlessly from god to god, from call to call, we, as believers, have set our course. It is time for the Church to rise up and move to the call of God; to teach and train our youth to hear and respond accordingly.

On the following pages, Dr. Daniel Brown shares a way the Foursquare Church can do this through RUN FOR HIS GLORY! Listen to the trumpet of Jesus, march to the drumbeat of God Almighty, and set your course for glory!



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By Dr. Daniel Brown

little noticed phenomenon has recently begun to sweep through the Church of Jesus Christ in general, and our Foursquare congregations in particular. The stirring is taking place among thousands of young people from high school age through those in their late twenties. It is a pre-revival surge in individual hearts to give up all for the sake of the gospel—to utterly abandon private aspirations and plans for the sake of adopting God's purposes for each life.

Young people want to "Run for His Glory." They are growing increasingly tired of living visionless lives where the sum total of their "Christian experience" is a set schedule of private devotions, church attendance and comfortable spirituality. They want change. They have begun to taste the abundant life of active, self-giving ministry to a desperate world.

## Coming Crash of Surf

Revival is in the winds. It stands, as yet, far out at sea, growing in momentum and force, soon to become a mighty tidal wave to wash over the shores of humanity. But the careful observer can even now discern the quiet, almost imperceptible swells of the ocean which announce the presence of the coming crash of surf.

Like the "handbreadth" cloud observed by Elijah's servant, the present small beginnings of revival among our youth call for preparation. To participate in revival, to align ourselves with God's coming purposes, we must seize by faith the small inklings of promise He gives to us. Noah could not delay until he felt the first rain. And the walls of Jericho fell because people walked without visible victory for an entire week.

Revival is the spontaneous overflow in thousands of lives of the individual blessing God is bringing to each. Testimonies spring up out of the abundance of what God does in people. God pours out such great amounts of blessing and restoration that it cannot be contained—it must splash over onto neighbors, friends, and passersby. In this regard, it is a sovereign act and accomplishment of the Lord. While we cannot really PRODUCE revival, we CAN prohibit it or, at least, restrict its impact.

## See It Before It Appears

What seems to be differ-

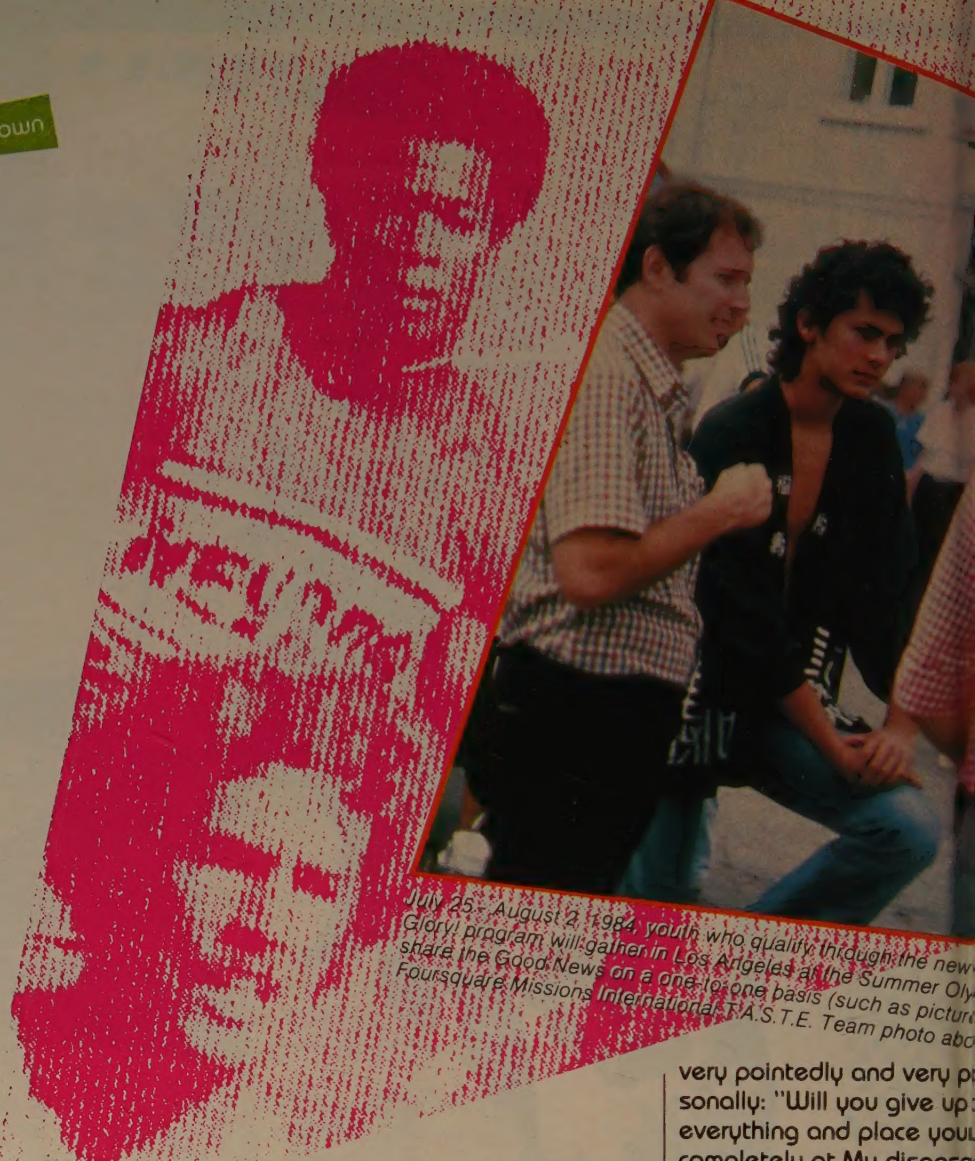
ent about the coming revival is that God is urging us to see it before it appears. Most other revivals just happen; that is, they are almost unexpected and unlooked for by all save the faithful few who had prayed diligently for them. I believe it is more than coincidence or crowd dynamics that have led so many believers from such diverse church backgrounds and theologies to recognize that "God is up to something." There is a prevailing sense of excitement and anticipation throughout the Body of Christ.

Among our youth—who will, I believe, serve as the vanguard in the revival army the Lord is assembling—God is doing an exciting work. He is addressing hundreds and thousands of young Gideons

very pointedly and very personally: "Will you give up everything and place yourself completely at My disposal that I may make you a mighty, valiant warrior?"

As with all such moves of the Lord there is a time lag, a mentality disorientation. For this, I mean that individuals of the same youth group, under the same teaching, will experience their "Gideon call" at different times—perhaps even separated by many months. Individual youth groups in different churches will also be moved upon at different times. Some disorientation must therefore be expected. An entire generation is being called, but they are being chosen a few at a time.

The vast, mostly untapped potential of our youth is slowly being turned into ministry reality by the Lord. Across denominations, we have begun without a cohesive youth



July 25 - August 2, 1984, youth who qualify through the new Glory program will gather in Los Angeles at the Summer Olympics to share the Good News on a one-to-one basis (such as pictured). Foursquare Missions International T.A.S.T.E. Team photo above.



New Youth Program

# Run For His Glory!

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t never mind. God, who t restricted to save by or by few, is presently g what no effort or pro- could do: He is gripping dual hearts in the hands ve and igniting them with l and a passion for the s of His Kingdom.

recent months I have onally witnessed the stakable signs of nding revival. Young le right out of high l, collegians and young r professionals have coming one by one to numentous recognition: nk God wants me to Him full-time. I have career plans and aspi- ns, but I think I am to lay aside." No one has ered them with guilt or ded them into insincere gness.

e simple reality is that opportionate numbers of outh generation are

receiving "the call of the Lord" to serve Jesus. And the number is swelling everyday....

## An Entire Generation Must Be Prepared

In keeping with the need to prepare this generation for active, sensible, Bible-based ministry, a National Youth Ad Hoc Committee headed by Rev. Tim Peterson, National Director of Youth and Christian Education, was formed. It is comprised of youth pastors (Terry Samples, Brad Davis, Brad Holland and myself) and pastors (Jim Scott and Phil Jones) who are sensitive to the needs of youth.

Born out of this group was the desire to adequately equip Foursquare youth. The committee felt the need for a comprehensive curriculum which was flexible enough to allow for: 1) each local church to modify and embellish the basic program so that it would "work" in their circumstances, and 2) a common information base for the entire Foursquare Youth.

The challenge was great. What type of curriculum would be adopted with those characteristics of uniformity

and adaptability? The answer: a simple curriculum stressing comprehensive content and maximizing pedagogical options.

## We Are Running For His Glory

RUN FOR HIS GLORY! was adopted as the theme to communicate this exciting new curriculum. Part of that thematic title has to do with the upcoming Olympics in Los Angeles during the summer of 1984. Plans call for between 400 and 600 Foursquare youth to converge in Los Angeles for an Olympic outreach in evangelism. All students wishing to join this exciting ministry venture will be required to participate in the RUN FOR HIS GLORY! curriculum.

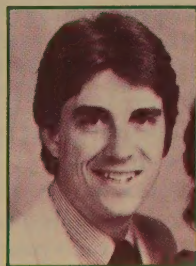
However, the bottom line of this curriculum is not connected to any specific event or time. Its purpose is to be a tool in the hands of local churches and youth workers to train and equip young people for the incredible tasks facing their generation in the Spirit of God.

The curriculum in its first year is the result of the concerted work of several men actively involved in youth work from Junior High through Young Adult. Specific instructions concerning the curriculum have been sent to each

local church. The curriculum itself consists of 42 weekly Bible studies that search out what scriptures say about topics relating to the spiritual growth of followers of Christ. Coupled with these weekly theme studies are personal training exercises to be completed by each participant (nine in each twelve-week quarter).

The Bible study format is very flexible to allow for personal or group study, with or without an instructor. Each theme lesson provides primary and correlational verses for study, discussion questions, and a brief commentary. The breadth and depth of this simple two-part curriculum will surprise you. Next fall, Year II of the curriculum will be launched.

RUN FOR HIS GLORY! is a theme you will hear much about in the months to come, but let it signal more to your mind than an isolated evangelistic event in Los Angeles in 1984. Let it remind you to pray earnestly and passionately for a generation which was almost lost to us. It once was lost, but now is found ... running for His glory.



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# THE GIFT OF HIS GLORY

By Dr. Jack W. Hayford

**A**rise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee" (Isaiah 60:1-2, KJV).

## His Glory Is For Us!

God *does* desire to manifest His glory among His people! This is the first and foremost lesson we must learn.

But this was not my understanding, from my earliest memory. I had always thought God to be jealous about His glory, and unwilling to allow anyone else to share in it. But then I searched the Scriptures for the oft-quoted words, "My glory will I not give to another." The prophecy of Isaiah, in which God emphasizes His refusal to share His glory with another, defines clearly who "another" is:

"I am the Lord; that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images" (Isaiah 42:8, KJV).

God denies the sharing of His excellency, majesty and glory with other gods, or any being that boasts itself against Him. In distinct contrast Jesus said, concerning the Father's own people who honor His Messiah and who have received His witness:

"And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one..." (John 17:22, KJV).

Jesus Himself, who embodied the fullness of God's glory, has transmitted that glory unto His Church, "which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all" (Ephesians 1:23, KJV).

## Worship Him in His Way to See the Glory

The second lesson is that His glory attends those who worship Him in His way. The Scriptures show that God manifested His glory in a visible sense when His order of worship was established and honored among His people. With the completion of the tabernacle in Moses' time we read:

"And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work. Then a cloud covered

the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle" (Exodus 40:33-35, KJV).

Similarly, in Solomon's time, with the completion and dedication of the Temple, the Scriptures record:

"It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying, 'For he is good; for his mercy endureth forever': that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord; So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God" (II Chronicles 5:13-14, KJV).

Ordered worship introduces the glorious order of the Eternal One. "I will glorify the house of my glory," the Lord declares, and then adds: "I will make the place of my feet glorious" (Isaiah 60:7, 13, KJV).

In short, where people worship God according to His Word, He will respond with a distinct working of His presence, and the rule of His glorious Kingdom comes in all its liberating power. That is why wherever people honor the Word of God, exalt the Son of God and give place to the Spirit of God, distinct and marvelous blessing pours forth.

All this is not the heritage of a denomination, or even of those of a particular doctrinal stripe. It is not the portion of the charismatic as opposed to the noncharismatic, nor of the Protestant as opposed to the Catholic. It is the increasing portion of any congregation that pursues a pathway of humility before God's throne, His Word, His Son and His Spirit. God comes there to abide.

Whether or not the vision of God's glory is visible, God may be distinctly present. People can recognize it and they will gather there, for I believe most of mankind longs intuitively for this fulfillment.

The absence of God's glory characterizes fallen man, whether in the case of Adam and Eve, stripped of glory when sin entered the race, or in our own case, as members of that race who

have "come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). The searching of the human heart for completion is ultimately fulfilled only in the presence of that glory.

## We Must Not Lose His Glory

The third lesson is that God's glory in the midst of a people may be lost. It will be diminished to whatever degree the will of the flesh and the pride of human hearts persist in their own way, even though the individuals may be regenerated.

After Samson's indulgence and surrender to Delilah's connivings, we read:

"And she said, 'The Philistines be upon thee, Samson.' And he awoke out of his sleep, and said; 'I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself.' And he wist not that the Lord was departed from him" (Judges 16:20, KJV).

The gift of God's unique blessing upon Samson was contingent upon his continuing in his vow to walk God's ways. His tragedy was not only that he lost that distinctive presence of God, but worse, that he didn't even recognize it was gone until he was crippled at the hands of his enemy.

The challenge before us is to walk before God in purity and wholeheartedness—to hospitably entertain His glory through genuine worship from hearts that truly love and obey Him.

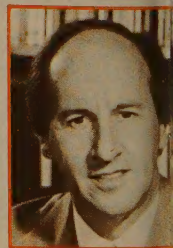
God's glory and His grace are two different matters. His grace is offered to sinners. His glory is offered to those willing to walk in His way.

"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness," the Scriptures enjoin time and again; and those who have tested the beauty of holiness have no question what that phrase means. It is the loveliness of His glory—the radiance of His presence.

I want to enjoy that gift through all my life, in all of His Church, and unto all eternity.

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**SERVING FOR HIS GLORY**—What an honor! Yet, not only an honor...God has given us a special  
mise if we serve others: "I want you to share your food with the hungry and bring right into your own homes those who are  
bless, poor and destitute. Clothe those who are cold and don't hide from relatives who need your help. "IF you do these  
gs, (THEN) God will shed his own GLORIOUS light upon you. He will heal you; your godliness will lead you forward, and  
adness will be a shield before you, and the GLORY of the Lord will protect you from behind. Then, when you call, the Lord  
answer. 'Yes, I am here,' He will quickly reply" (Isaiah 58:7-9, LB).

## Give It Away? You Must Be Kidding!

Janice Wheeler

What does a church do when the economy lags, jobs are scarce, and organizations are pushing harder than ever for financial support? Hold a giveaway sale! At that is exactly what the Oakview Foursquare Church in Centralia, Washington, recently did.

The idea of giving items away had, suddenly, never occurred to me," says Pastor Janice Wheeler, relating how the concept was first introduced originally by the Women's Council. The basic selfish nature determined there really not much benefit to be gained by giving away such salable items. But something began to gel as I saw God giving us what we had previously asked for—a strategy of how to minister to our community. I could not avoid an idea so obviously sparked by the Holy Spirit."

The church volunteers determined to spend time in prayer the morning of the sale. We asked God to release an understanding of His love in the hearts of those who would come. It was during that prayer that God impressed a very important concept in our minds: We were not to act as stewards of God's possessions or His provision.

The chance to apply this idea of unselfish giving and unconditional love came quickly. The owner of a secondhand shop gathered various items and offered to give a donation. I explained to him that donations were being accepted. Somewhat taken



aback, he asked whether or not he could actually take the things he wanted. The answer was in the affirmative, and as one of the congregation shared the Good News of God's love, it was obvious that he was affected by what he heard.

Something strong happened in Oakview Church the week of the sale. There was a deepened awareness of God's love and a relinquishing of greed. The sale items were not cheap. They were not inferior in quality. But they were free. Nobody that came could earn or buy what was being offered. The intent of these saints was to give as God had given to them.

"People who came were astounded by getting everything free," said Peggy Morris, one church member. "I know people saw

Yes, the Oakview Foursquare Church in Centralia, Washington, gave it all away...furniture, clothing, even television sets.

Jesus through this sale. They saw love in the most special way—free! Some people were truly needy and were totally blessed by the Lord!"

Peter Sukraw said, "The giveaway sale was a vivid, tangible demonstration of how Jesus loves us and meets our needs absolutely free—we couldn't pay the price anyway. It was a clear contrast to the world's standard, 'Ain't nothin' free.'"

Finally, Joan Prock summed up an overall feeling: "I gave to the sale both in time and material donations. But afterward, I realized I could never have given enough."

## It Soup Yet?

Janice Pedersen

is it soup yet?" The familiar phrase from



ve it or not, chicken corn soup has  
ght the attention of many Pottsville,  
sylvania, residents. Preparing the soup  
Rev. David Wing, pastor of the  
square Gospel Church (left), Jane  
Pedersen (center) and Pat Roos.

the television soup commercial rings in our ears. But at the Pottsville, Pennsylvania, Foursquare Church, that phrase has real meaning.

It is indeed "soup time" twice each month for the financially bound residents of Pottsville. "The President has asked churches to help in this economic crunch," explains Pastor David Wing. The food is intended to supplement the nutritional requirements of those in need and help stretch their low incomes.

Between 20 and 30 people look forward to this mealtime. Constantly, they tell the volunteers what a blessing the soup kitchen is to them spiritually, physically and socially.

"Witnessing happens also," shares Pastor Wing, "but I would not call it a 'hard sell' job of witnessing. Rather, it is a fellowshiping and sharing in love of what Jesus has meant to those who help serve. Some have come to our services as a result. They have been made to feel welcome at the soup kitchen, so they are confident they will feel welcome in the worship times."

News of the soup kitchen spread quickly

throughout the community; many are offering to help. Residents of a local rest home, Leader Healthcare Center, make "sheet cakes" every soup time. Another community church, the Summer Hill United Church of Christ, heard of a longtime problem with the church stove. Several months later, they donated \$450 toward the purchase of a new one.

"This has truly become a community project and we were just the vehicle to begin it," shares Rev. Wing. "I was asked to speak at a community service group, Turning Point, to share our purpose for the soup kitchen. They, in turn, asked to visit the kitchen and see what they could offer to assist.

"Our congregation certainly has grown spiritually because of this endeavor. From the beginning of the ministry, the congregation was given the biblical basis found in Isaiah 58, especially verse 7. I, as pastor, feel this has placed a new emphasis of hospitality in our maturing as believers. We know, without a doubt, that we are feeding spirits as well as bodies."



*"It's not ability—it's availability—  
that God is looking for...and He's  
found it in these people."  
—Lewis (and Deraïne) Richey,  
Director, Foursquare Bible  
Institutes of Panama*

# Together PA

**REV. J. LEWIS RICHEY:** "For 53 years, the Foursquare churches of Panama have overcome adversity through God's grace. So today, we minister the life-giving Word everywhere. Even so, the GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE of 1982 challenged our leaders to envision NEW BEGINNINGS...."



"We're convinced that by 1990 the Holy Spirit will bring thousands of more souls into the kingdom and that there will be twice as many Foursquare churches to receive them."

J. Lewis Richey is the Director of the Foursquare Bible Institutes of Panama. He and his wife, Deraïne, are primarily concerned with structuring a vital Christian education program to meet the needs of this expanding work. Lately, they have focused their energies on the Panama City Bible Institute.

**A GODSEND.** Lewis explains, "Our vision demands that we prepare many people for the ministry. So, at camps, conferences and conventions we emphasize God's call on individuals. Then we encourage those responding to cultivate their ministries at the Bible Institute."

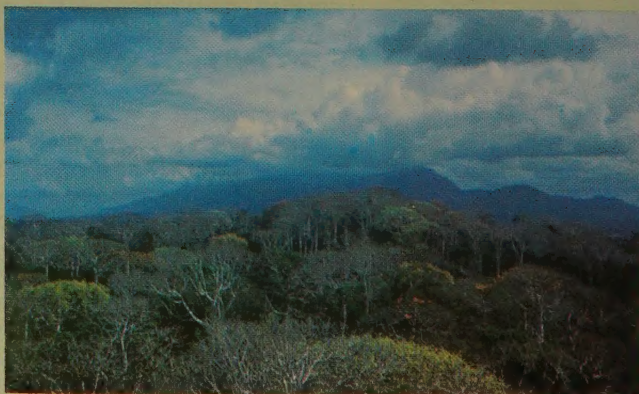
The Richeys are also developing a supplemental program to aid veteran pastors and workers. Lewis shares, "We're offering an

*(Top row, left) The Richeys are accomplished vocalists. They recently appeared on Panamanian television ministering the gospel.*

*(2nd row, left) God is dealing with many Christian men about leading their families with Christ's sensitivity. The vast majority are listening. Strong marriages and stable children are their rewards.*

*(2nd row, center) The timely emphasis on family relations has drawn the young and the old closer than ever before. The Word has expanded the wisdom of grandparents and intensified the perceptiveness of the young.*

*(3rd row, left) This young believer recently caught the vision of NEW BEGINNINGS. After some encouragement, he enrolled at the Panama City Bible Institute to cultivate his commitment to the ministry.*





# A PROFILE OF FOURSQUARE WORLD MINISTRIES PANAMA

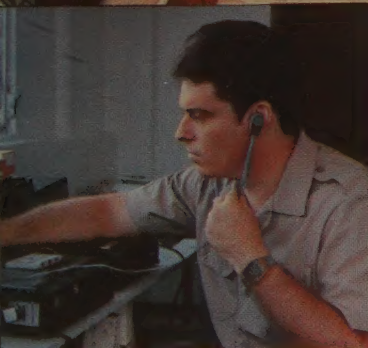
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(Top row, right) The development of a vital Christian education program demands organization and ongoing evaluation. Here, Deraigne reviews files pertinent to their work.



(2nd row, right) Veteran pastors and workers are often unable to study at the Panama City Bible Institute, so the Richeys are offering them a strong extension curriculum.



extension curriculum for pastors and workers who want to deepen their understanding of the Word. It's a godsend for many who can't leave their churches to study in the capital."

**HISTORY-CHANGING MOTIVATION.** The atmosphere is electric with an evangelistic spirit. Hundreds of believers are telling Christ's story to anyone who will listen. Lewis defines their history-changing motivation: "They love God and His work. They believe that He's working through them to redeem a nation."

**GOD, HEAL MY FAMILY.** Lewis reports: "At our summer camps we've spoken on building the Christian family. From the first, people were moved to tears as God dealt with them and moved to heal them."

"We grieved when one woman cried, 'My husband left me for another woman. He left me to raise the children alone. Now they are grown and don't serve God. I want God to heal my home, my marriage and save my children.'"

God has commissioned our Panamanian churches to tell Christ's story. It is a story of rescue and triumph. But it is also an invitation to the lost and defeated to hope once again.

## Prayer & Action Focus

- Pray that the Lord will guide the Richeys as they prepare workers for the ministry.
- Pray that God will awaken a call to the ministry in many believers.
- Pray that God will grant wisdom in the overall administration of the Foursquare work in Panama.

God's love and your support make it possible for us to reach Panama...

## Together!



# INTERNATIONAL UPDATE... A REPORT OF FOURSQUARE WORLD MINISTRIES



## Nigerian Church Facing Facility Eviction Comes Out On Top

**ON THE MOVE.** The church at Suru-lere had outgrown its facility and the owner of the building wanted to use it soon for other purposes, so the time seemed right for a move. But when a new facility was built several miles away, the Suru-lere church discovered that many of its members would not be able to travel to the site. A new congregation was planted in the new building and the church, still in the original facility, looked again for a place to move.

A second site was found and developed, thus birthing a second daughter church. But the transportation problem of the members again precluded the move. The process was repeated yet a third time, with a third daughter church resulting. The congregation praised God for the growth, but was still facing eviction from its original facility and could find no other place to move.

On the same day the eviction papers arrived, God made it possible for the church to purchase the adjoining land. Sunday school classes soon became work parties as immediate construction was necessary. Soon the Suru-lere Church had its new home—and three daughter churches. God once again used a problem situation to His glory and the expansion of His Church.

**FOURSQUARE SPREADING LIKE WILDFIRE.** Nigeria is ripe for harvest. A recent week-long crusade resulted in 510 decisions for Christ. The responsiveness of the Nigerian people to the gospel has made it possible to reach their goal of each chartered church producing a daughter church in one year's time. A new preaching point has been established on the average of one every week.

**CAMPGROUND RECEIVES FACE-LIFT.** The church campground, on which premises 700 people made decisions for Christ just last year, has been completely remodeled. A water system has been installed and a new kitchen/

cafeteria was built with the help of a work team from Indiana. The campground provides a much needed rest from the pressures of city life.

**MISSIONARIES HEAD WEST.** Nigeria has expanded the scope of its missionary work to include Liberia, Ghana and the Republic of Benin. Two missionaries and many supplies and printed materials have been sent from the Nigerian Church to Liberia.

**BIBLE COLLEGE MOVES TOWARD ACCREDITATION.** Rev. John Barton and his wife, Karen, minister in the Bible College in Nigeria. As God has blessed, two classrooms have been added to the college. Now work is started to develop a new library building.

Mrs. Barton initiated a new branch of the college, the Foursquare Press and Publications, which is currently producing Sunday school and church materials. Future plans include the printing of college texts and other college materials. "God is moving in Nigeria," says John Barton. "The church is growing and is setting a living example for other African countries to follow."



*Missionaries John and Karen Barton:  
Servants at the hand of Christ in Nigeria.*

## "Stealing" Turns Out To Be Christian Charity in England

"I WAS SICK AND YOU VISITED ME." As part of a ministry to the sick and needy, believers recently painted the interior of a woman's home while she was in the hospital. "The hospital authorities were unaccustomed to that sort of Christian charity," reports Howard Manthe, "and at first they feared we were part of a cult attempting to take possession of the woman's property!"

**WATTS USE PRAYER POWER.** Roy and Corina Watts had been following the Lord's direction in intercessory prayer for family and friends for quite some time with no apparent results. But God was working in hearts.

Corina's brother-in-law, Richard, began to think seriously about the claims of Jesus after surviving multiple stage wounds. He and his wife both accepted Jesus as Savior and a few weeks later were baptized in the Holy Spirit. Richard is now an enthusiastic witness for the Lord.

Roy and Corina's prayers and witness also resulted in both of their mothers coming to the Lord. Also, a neighbor who had been involved in a cult has expressed her desire to follow Jesus. She and her husband have both attended the services.

**LUKE FOR LONDON!** Several evangelical groups have joined forces in a systematic visitation project to distribute "Luke for London" to every home before the Luis Palau Crusade this fall and the Billy Graham "Mission to England" next summer. "Our village of Rainham has 11,000 homes," says Howard Manthe. "We are asking God for 400,000 to attend the meetings, 200 new churches to be planted and 15,000 disciples to be brought into the kingdom."

Currently, churches are being trained to be effective witnesses, strong in prayer, nurture new Christians and work



## Argentina Marks Growth of Bible Institutes

ON THE ROAD AGAIN. Jackie Coppens travels thousands of miles each year, teaching in Bible institutes in Buenos Aires, Rio Negro, Neuquen, Santiago de Estero and Cordoba. With 200 students, the institutes offer classes in Foursquare Fundamentals, Hermeneutics, Hebrews, Titus, and I and II Timothy, among others. Jackie reports that it is "thrilling to witness the hunger to learn more of God's Word."

FLOODS HAMPER OPENING. "It rained for 18 hours without stopping," Jackie said of her recent trip to northern Argentina to help open a new Bible institute for Indian students. "Because the area is now in floods, several students were not able to attend as planned. But we were able to complete two basic courses in our classes." She asks for prayer for the many who were left homeless due to the flooding, and for God to supply two teachers for the Indians for at least six months.

300 STUDENTS EXPECTED. With the Bible institutes expecting 300 students next year, work has already begun preparing texts and other student materials. In addition, all materials for the Theological Education by Extension (T.E.E.) courses must be prepared for those who cannot attend one of the institutes, but who have a deep desire to continue their study of God's Word. September should see the opening of two more institutes in the south, one of which will be in the capital city of the Province of Neuquen.

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY. Jackie is working with local pastors and Bible students to start a new church in Rosario, about a four-hour bus ride from Buenos Aires. Plans are underway to hold an open-air campaign soon.

As of press time, missionary Jackie Coppens had to return home to the U.S. for medical attention. Please remember her in prayer.



Edward Manthe, missionary to England, helps build the house of a woman who was in the hospital.

together in spreading God's Word. We believe that England is in the early stage of a great revival for the Lord.

Jackie Coppens (left) and Argentina Marcial mimeograph materials for the Bible institutes and Theological Education by Extension (T.E.E.) program in Argentina.

Intercessory prayer brought Richard and Irene Martin of England to Jesus. Shown (l-r) are Irene, Pat, Corina Watts and Richard.





Missions Insight

How does one become  
first-class runner? Know His Word

# *One In Five Thousand*



These youngsters at camp in Nigeria have discovered Christ's love because a "runner" brought the gospel to them. They, in turn, now can become "runners" to areas which have not yet been reached with the Good News.

By Dr. Leland B. Edwards

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**W**rite the vision; make it plain upon tablets, so he may run who reads it...but the righteous shall live by his faith" (Habakkuk 2:2-4, NIV).

The '80s decade is a time when we hear and read much about running. People are jogging for health improvement. Men and women are seriously training to make records in the sport. But this article discusses more than mere sport—rather, that people may have life!

Jesus, our Head Coach and Trainer, said, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you" (John 20:21, NIV). We know that Jesus did the right things. Even those who were not His followers acknowledged the fact that He was a great teacher. Those three years His disciples spent at His feet were years of serious training for the "cross country running" they would be doing.

It is interesting to read through the four gospels and make a study of what Jesus commanded His followers to do. Here are four of the most well-known commands:

**1** Preach the gospel of the kingdom and heal the sick (Luke 9:1-2). He said, "Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:47, KJV).

**2** Lead people to Christ. He said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 19, KJV).

**3** Make disciples of all nations (all peoples) (Matthew 28:19).

**4** Teach them "to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20, KJV).

To run with the Good News like Jesus commanded, there needs to be serious developmental training in our lives. A strong, winning athlete (runner) requires much training and experience. Likewise, Christ calls us to Himself—to teach us and equip us. He tells us to preach in His name to all nations (peoples) beginning in Jerusalem (right where we are).

"Be filled with the Holy Spirit" is another requisite (cf. Ephesians 5:18). If we are going to run with the message, we need to know His Word. The Word of God, the Bible, needs to be not only in our minds but also in our hearts. It must become a very definite part of us. In many countries today, one cannot be a missionary without first having attained a high level of formal education in one's profession. Without it, several nations will not issue missionary visas. How important it is to be well prepared.

Communication is the task before us. If we are to run to all peoples, we will definitely run across cultural lines. Prepare to do that kind of ministry. Study it. Experience it and become well qualified. Gain experience in cross-cultural communications right on your own turf—on your own track. Overseas people are everywhere in the United States today. What a great mission field right in our own backyard!

Finally, there is the important matter of showing proof that one can make decisions that will build the work of the Lord. Become a first-class runner. Become mature in the ministry. Give proof of your ministry.

I can hear someone say, "Why the

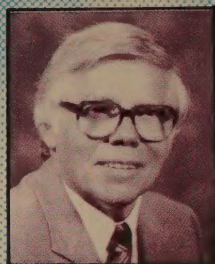
title, 'One in Five Thousand'?" That is the U.S. average for evangelical missionaries per population. What was the ratio in the first century Church? I don't think we have any basis to determine that. But I do believe the ratio was much higher in the early church than it is today. Modern statisticians point out the fact that many thousands of people groups still have not had a "runner" come to them with the gospel.

But this article is one of faith and life. We run by faith and with faith, to take life to the people. "The just shall live by faith," reads Romans 1:17 (KJV). That was the prophet Habakkuk's message. It was Paul's message wherever he went as a missionary. It was that same Good News that brought spiritual awakening and revival to the continent of Europe just a few centuries ago. It is the same message that is needed today around the world.

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Romans 10:15, KJV).

"I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' (deer's) feet, and He will make me to walk upon my high places" (Habakkuk 3:18-19, KJV).

Dr. Edwards has served as Director of Foursquare Missions International for the past 17 years. He served as a missionary to Panama and Chile for over 30 years. Dr. Edwards also serves as Secretary to the International Foursquare Board of Directors.



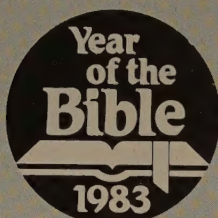


# Inside Our Foursquare family

## She Not Only Took It to Heart, She Took It to Foot!

Elinor Sabin, a member of Angelus Temple, Foursquare headquarters church in Los Angeles, has always had a great evangelistic burden. So when President Reagan proclaimed 1983 as the Year of the Bible, she not only took it to heart, she took it to foot! Knocking on the doors of town businesses, Elinor offered owners a free little wicker basket (provided by friend Mary Robertson) holding copies of little Bibles. These tiny red Bibles are about 3-1/2 by 3 inches and contain choice scriptures in either English or Spanish. People enjoy them as they can be put easily into the pocket and carried anywhere.

Later, when she called back at the businesses, she found almost everyone asking for more! Already she has distributed about 4,000 copies. Praise God for a lady who knows the power of God's Word.



## Drama in Real Life

On July 18, 1983, 59 passengers including myself boarded a large bus and a van sponsored by our church, the Barron, Wisconsin, Foursquare Church, to visit an amusement park. The driver was a skilled school bus driver and a member of the church.

With about 10 miles of freeway to go, the driver realized that the brakes were no longer working. She continued to drive with a confidence that God would provide. There was no available place to pull over and stop in this metropolitan freeway

system. Traveling at about 45 mph, traffic surged ahead and God kept the path in front of her clear.

Reaching the exit, we found we were on a downhill slope and half a mile in front of us was two semi's, one car and a red light. There was no way around! The passengers were asked to pray. At that moment, the driver proceeded to change gears, and nothing responded—no gears and no brakes. As the light changed and a semi moved slowly ahead, she saw an opening and drove between the semi and the light on the shoulder of the road. No traffic interfered as we coasted downhill about one mile. A service road exit appeared, and she drove the interstate road. The bus slowed and stopped with no injuries to vehicles or passengers.

The van shuttled the passengers to the park only a few miles away, a tow truck was called and the repair service reported a malfunctioning clutch and a severed brake line.

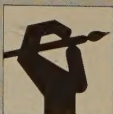
But the repair service said they would not be able to repair the bus that evening! Here we are 130 miles away from home, and 59 people to care for! With the mighty hand of God still at work, the high school from our town had taken the band also for a day. For some unknown reason even to them, they had taken a 70-passenger and 60-passenger bus for 65 passengers to make the load lighter. We were offered a ride home with them.

The Lord works in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform. Praise the Lord!

—Pastor Wayne Espeseth  
Barron, Wisconsin, Foursquare Church

## PFNA Convention This Month

Dr. Jack Hayford, pastor of the Van Nuys, California, Foursquare Church, "Church on the Way," will be among those addressing the PFNA Convention this month. The 1983 convention of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America will meet at First Church of the Open Bible in Des Moines, Iowa, October 24-26. The theme is "Pentecostals in Contemporary Times."



Letters

## Only One Answer...Proclaim It!

"Thank you for your editorial in the April issue entitled, 'Only One Answer to the Big Question.' I know the feeling well of wanting to jump up and down when anyone mentions that emptiness inside. Too bad so few of us really believed when someone told us the wonderful 'News!' God bless you in your ministry."

—Vera C. McArdle, Denver, Colorado

## The "Advanced" Magazine

"I just received the June issue of the 'Advanced' magazine. Congratulations!

I think it is one of the best magazines that has been put out. The article on Brad Risser was very well done, and the convention report and missions article were absolutely first rate. I am so delighted to have a denominational magazine that really communicates what I think we are about. Hallelujah!

—Harold A. Muetzel, President, Mount Vernon Bible College, Ohio

## Remember the Past and Look to the Future

"I have just finished reading the July/August issue of the FOURSQUARE WORLD ADVANCE. I want you to know that the article concerning Aimee Semple McPherson's Boston campaign is excellent and most enjoyable reading. As a longtime Foursquare church member, I believe it is important that we look to the future, but certainly remember that which has been accomplished in the past. What a tremendous foundation was established by Sister McPherson. Certainly she placed Christ first!"

—Richard Blachley, San Jose, California

## High Complement

"I enjoy the ADVANCE very much. It is almost like getting a letter from home."

—Winifred Cook, Midland, Texas



Building a Christian Library

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The following books are written by our founder, Aimee Semple McPherson:

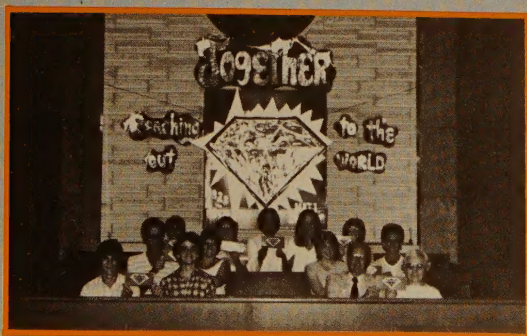
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In keeping with our Diamond Anniversary Year, a large diamond constructed of colored foil and lights has been placed in the Newton, Iowa, Foursquare Church. As each \$60 is given toward Foursquare Missions, another light is lit. Rev. and Mrs. Joseph L. Babcock are the pastors.



## current &amp; events &amp; comments



## The Last Word

Centuries before Christ the psalmist  
med, "I have more understanding  
than all my teachers...I understand more  
than the ancients..." (Psalm 119:99-100,  
17).  
A modern example of a relative novice  
showing more understanding than scien-  
tists and teachers surfaced in Clearwater,  
Florida, as headlined in three Associated  
Press dispatches between May 19 and 23,  
1983. "First-grader finds mistake in  
science text" captioned the account of  
James Brown, III's discovery of a technical  
error in *Reading About Science, Skills and  
Concepts, Level C*. The book called

Mercury the hottest planet, but the first-  
grader knew better. He told his teacher,  
Debra Austin, at Eisenhower Elementary  
School, that Venus has significantly  
higher temperatures than Mercury.

James wrote McGraw-Hill Book  
Company in New York, one of the  
world's largest textbook publishers.  
McGraw-Hill replied congratulating  
James and promising, "We will make the  
change in the next printing of our science  
readers."

The next day, however, a dispatch  
headlined, "NASA has the last word:  
book right, boy wrong," reported that  
the Mariner 10 spacecraft had recorded  
temperatures on Mercury higher than  
James knew about. John Mongillo,  
editor-in-chief of McGraw-Hill's science  
department, appreciated NASA's vindi-  
cation of the textbook's accuracy but  
hedged regarding the first-grader, "Who  
knows? The boy may go back and find  
out NASA is wrong."

Actually, NASA's last "last word" on  
the subject turned out to be a reversal of  
its earlier contradiction of James Brown,  
III. The final headline blared, "NASA  
says the boy was right." The space agency

conceded that Venus is hotter than  
Mercury.

The boy's father said he wasn't sur-  
prised that his son was right after all,  
adding, "I just wish NASA could have  
gotten it right the first time."

Actually, there is a much hotter place  
than Venus, though probably not a  
planet. The Bible and the dictionary call  
it "hell." You need not be a scientist to  
manage to avoid eternal punishment.  
The only avenue of escape is through  
faith in Jesus Christ.

Interestingly enough, the psalmist  
explained why he had more understand-  
ing than all his teachers and the "sages"  
(Moffatt), namely, because God's testi-  
monies were his meditation and because  
he kept God's precepts. William Jennings  
Bryan used to put it, "It's better to know  
the Rock of Ages than to know the ages  
of the rocks."

The simplest Christian is smarter than  
the most brilliant unbeliever. If anyone  
doubts this let him look at where each  
will be a hundred years from now.

Dr. Cox is the pastor of the Salem, Oregon, Foursquare  
Church.



By Ron Cleaver

Some "Plain  
Vanilla" on Stress

The author recently stated, "One per-  
son's irritation is another's bleeding ulcer."  
I hear a lot today on the subject of  
stress. And the more we read, the more  
successful we become! So maybe a few  
number-meeting-the-road" directives will  
help us deal positively with this "villain."  
I remember reading, "He who shoots at  
you will hit the same." Sounds pretty  
close to sound doctrine to me. So, there  
must be three basic areas of "stress  
management" which we need to "shoot" at:  
Number one area: *Life Adjustment*  
*Factors*. Most of us don't welcome  
change...at least, not as much as we used  
to. Change can be good—and it can be harmful.  
Learning to adapt is important.  
Number two area: *Life Assessment*  
*Factors*. The job, the role, the expecta-  
tions, are all possible "stress fields" to be

considered and dealt with positively.

Number three area: *Life Awareness*  
*Factors*. All things around us touch us  
daily, and how we respond or react to  
them is very important and imparting.

What is the "plain vanilla" of facing  
these factors squarely and spiritually? I  
have listed six down-to-earth suggestions  
that are quite *basic* and *biblical*:

1. BE REASONABLE. Unrealistic ex-  
pectations can do more to discourage  
than anything else. Shoot for the goal and  
do the very best you can...and that will be  
good enough, at least for now.

2. KNOW WHAT IS #3. Job saturation  
can cause real problems. As pastor or  
parishioner, we were never instructed to  
put the job ahead of the Lord or the family.  
That will never change, so let this author  
be the "umpteenth" person to tell you that.  
Keep it #3.

3. COME TO GRIPS WITH REALITY.  
There are going to be times that just don't  
pan out. Stifled goals are more than mere  
fiction. Be ready for some days that  
weren't "made in heaven"...in both mar-  
riage and ministry.

4. GOD BELIEVES IN YOU...AND YOU  
HAD BETTER DO THE SAME. Putting  
ourselves down accomplishes nothing.  
Comparing ourselves with so-and-so does  
the same. Nothing plus nothing equals

less than nothing. I am a whole lot more  
than what I do, and who I am must always  
be considered first.

5. ALWAYS WALK IN BALANCE. Suc-  
cess can be followed by failure...at least  
throughout the Word it happened that  
way. Who of us doesn't know that we may  
lose another battle before we win the war?  
Don't be guilty of falling down and letting  
defeat take over.

6. "PLAIN VANILLA" ALL OF THE  
ABOVE. As a good pastor friend of mine  
used to say, "Ron, there's nothing to it but  
to do it." Real success does not consist in  
the abundance of that which I pos-  
sess...but of that which possesses me.  
Jesus was emptied out, but never *burned*  
*out* and certainly not *strung out*. Can you  
and I say the same?

In closing (a favorite "stress tab" of  
pastors), consider what Nehemiah said to  
the "stress" of his day: "I am doing a great  
work, so that I *cannot come down*: why  
should the work cease, whilst I leave it,  
and come down to you?" (Nehemiah 6:3,  
KJV). This is the position we take...a) if we  
are casting our care upon Him (cf. 1 Peter  
5:7) and, b) if we are ceasing from our own  
works (cf. Hebrews 4:10).

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Foursquare Church, Boulder, Colorado.

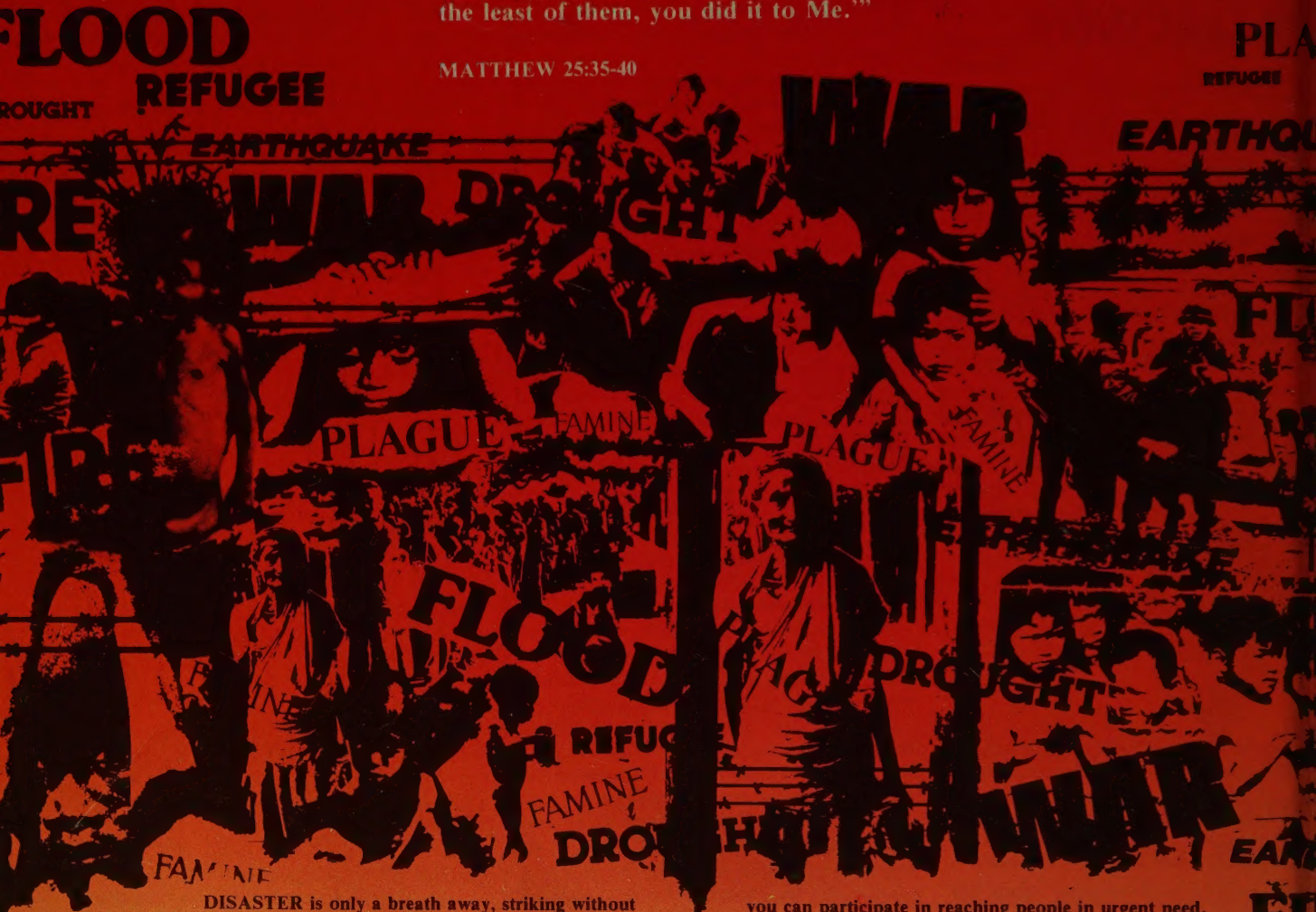
## Viewpoint



**F**or I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat;  
I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink;  
I was a stranger, and you invited me in;  
I was naked, and you clothed Me;  
I was sick, and you visited Me;  
I was in prison, and you came to Me."

"And the King will answer and say to them,  
"Truly I say to you, to the extent that you  
did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even  
the least of them, you did it to Me.'"

MATTHEW 25:35-40



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